

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

TIMEBASE PTY LTD.,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE THOMSON CORPORATION,

Defendant.

**Civil No. 07-460
Judge Lindberg
Magistrate Judge Cole**

DECLARATION OF CHAD DROWN

I, Chad Drown, declare as follows:

1. I am an attorney at Faegre & Benson LLP in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am one of the lawyers representing defendant The Thomson Corporation in connection with the above action. This declaration is made in support of The Thomson Corporation's Motion to Transfer Venue to the District of Minnesota, and is made on my personal knowledge and belief.

2. I have attached to this declaration true and correct copies of the following documents:

EXHIBIT 1: Federal Court Management Statistics: Judicial Caseload Profile for the United States District Courts for the District of Minnesota and Northern District of Illinois

EXHIBIT 2: Facsimile Letter dated February 8, 2007, from Gwendolyn Coleman, Technical Information Specialist at the Administrative Office of the United States Courts

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Executed this 9th day of February 2007 in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

s/ Chad Drown

Chad Drown

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EXHIBIT 1

U.S. DISTRICT COURT - JUDICIAL CASELOAD PROFILE

		12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30								
MINNESOTA		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Numerical Standing		
OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS	Filings*	5,320	3,752	6,163	7,190	4,718	2,730	U.S.	Circuit	
	Terminations	7,375	4,521	4,790	4,021	2,876	2,754			
	Pending	5,787	7,842	8,605	7,202	4,031	2,195			
	% Change in Total Filings	Over Last Year		41.8				3	1	
Number of Judgeships		7	7	7	7	7	7			
Vacant Judgeship Months**		6.8	4.0	.0	.0	4.1	.0			
ACTIONS PER JUDGESHIP	FILINGS	Total	759	536	880	1,028	674	390	4	1
		Civil	673	459	800	962	614	344	4	1
		Criminal Felony	55	55	62	54	47	46	67	10
		Supervised Release Hearings**	31	22	18	12	13	-	24	5
	Pending Cases		827	1,120	1,229	1,029	576	314	6	2
	Weighted Filings**		685	567	679	632	597	478	2	1
	Terminations		1,054	646	684	574	411	393	3	1
	Trials Completed		12	16	16	12	14	12	79	10
MEDIAN TIMES (months)	From Filing to Disposition	Criminal Felony	9.8	10.4	8.9	7.9	8.4	7.5	61	6
		Civil**	23.8	7.5	6.6	6.5	7.1	8.9	93	10
	From Filing to Trial** (Civil Only)		26.4	23.0	22.0	24.5	26.0	20.7	51	8
OTHER	Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old**	Number	936	1,059	75	27	50	53		
		Percentage	17.2	14.2	.9	.4	1.3	2.7	87	10
	Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed Per Case			1.6	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5	
	Jurors	Avg. Present for Jury Selection	43.49	42.87	46.47	47.85	39.62	35.94		
		Percent Not Selected or Challenged	29.6	30.5	28.3	40.6	31.1	35.3		

2006 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FELONY FILINGS BY NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE

Type of	TOTAL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Civil	4714	78	2104	479	45	13	358	340	544	164	354	5	230
Criminal*	386	14	169	19	58	46	30	11	7	2	4	8	18

* Filings in the "Overall Caseload Statistics" section include criminal transfers, while filings "By Nature of Offense" do not.

** See "Explanation of Selected Terms."

U.S. DISTRICT COURT - JUDICIAL CASELOAD PROFILE

		12-MONTH PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30							
ILLINOIS NORTHERN		2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	Numerical Standing	
OVERALL CASELOAD STATISTICS	Filings*	8,093	9,056	10,584	11,126	11,135	10,957	U.S.	Circuit
	Terminations	8,255	8,805	11,461	10,888	10,709	10,319		
	Pending	7,711	7,914	7,706	8,699	8,587	8,271		
	% Change in Total Filings	Over Last Year		-10.6				78	6
		Over Earlier Years		-23.5	-27.3	-27.3	-26.1	92	7
Number of Judgeships		22	22	22	22	22	22		
Vacant Judgeship Months**		5.7	12.0	9.6	22.1	17.8	3.3		
ACTIONS PER JUDGESHIP	FILINGS	Total	367	412	481	505	506	498	66
		Civil	330	369	437	461	459	470	46
		Criminal Felony	26	34	32	38	39	28	90
		Supervised Release Hearings**	11	9	12	6	8	-	78
	Pending Cases		351	360	350	395	390	376	61
	Weighted Filings**		443	485	512	526	525	503	43
	Terminations		375	400	521	495	487	469	66
	Trials Completed		11	13	12	12	14	15	86
MEDIAN TIMES (months)	From Filing to Disposition	Criminal Felony	13.9	12.9	10.3	9.9	10.3	9.9	87
		Civil**	6.5	6.9	5.9	5.5	5.5	5.6	7
	From Filing to Trial** (Civil Only)		26.4	27.0	28.4	26.0	26.0	26.3	51
OTHER	Civil Cases Over 3 Years Old**	Number	500	388	337	442	461	485	
		Percentage	7.4	5.6	5.0	5.6	6.0	6.4	61
	Average Number of Felony Defendants Filed Per Case		1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	1.6	
	Jurors	Avg. Present for Jury Selection	45.07	51.46	39.36	45.57	43.63	39.43	
		Percent Not Selected or Challenged	30.9	36.9	31.0	37.3	34.8	36.7	

2006 CIVIL AND CRIMINAL FELONY FILINGS BY NATURE OF SUIT AND OFFENSE

Type of	TOTAL	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L
Civil	7265	112	175	631	42	110	1401	977	565	496	1490	39	1227
Criminal*	576	1	161	44	63	140	60	23	12	17	5	18	32

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EXHIBIT 2



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Minnesota's median time jumped from 7.5 in 2005 to 23.8 in 2006 due to large numbers of terminations of Baycol (anticholesterol drugs) transferred from Pennsylvania, Eastern and other U.S. district courts. These cases began being transferred to Minnesota in 2003.

Have a pleasant day!